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LASER DIODE MODULATION AND OPERATING POINT

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated February 27th, 2004 regarding the above-identified patent application. Applicant believes that the following Amendment should be entered, as the Amendment places the case in condition for Allowance.